



News, Events and Information

Recycling news! Columbus Residents Asked to Provide Comment

Mayor Michael B. Coleman recently announced the availability of a recycling and yard waste survey online until July 31st at www.RecycleColumbus.org. There, City of Columbus residents can respond to the mayor's proposal to bring a new curbside recycling program to all single-family homes at no direct cost to residents.

Combining the collection of recyclables on an alternating schedule with a modified yard waste collection program would offer the most cost-effective, energy-efficient and environmentally-friendly design. However, the Mayor wants to understand and incorporate residents' preferences into the formulation of the program.

The City's Newest Renewable Energy System: Biomass Waste to Energy

Mayor Coleman assisted in breaking ground on a former brownfield site for the area's newest renewable energy system early last week along with Ohio Governor Ted Strickland and officials from SWACO, Kurtz Brothers and Quasar Energy Group. The system is Quasar's largest in Ohio designed to generate 1 Mega Watt of energy from biomass waste including biosolids, regional food waste and fats, oils, and grease.

Columbus Fire Station 10 Officially Marked LEED Gold Certified

An elegant glass plaque was recently installed inside the doors of the Columbus Fire Station No. 10, an example of Mayor Michael B. Coleman's commitment to construct green buildings. The plaque was awarded by the United States Green Building Council (USGBC) for achieving LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Gold certification on the construction project which blended historic architecture and modern efficiencies.

To date, Columbus boasts a total of 7 green building projects including the following:

- The Lazarus Building, *LEED Gold*
- Single Family Residence, King Lincoln District, *LEED Platinum*
- Columbus Westside Family Health and Wellness Center, *projected LEED Silver*
- Police Heliport, *built to LEED Certified standards*
- Fire Station 10, *LEED Gold*
- The Ohio State University Policing Center Substation 4, *projected LEED Certified*
- Parking Violations and Police Impound, *projected LEED Silver*

Green Events & Activities

Get involved with the sustainability in the City of Columbus and Central Ohio by visiting the MORPC Green Community Calendar [online](#).

- **SWACO Emerald Awards:** May 13- Tickets are available online at www.swaco.org. Find out who will win the premier green awards program in Greater Columbus this year. The awards honor the best and most innovative ideas in waste reduction, recycling and litter prevention programs.
- **Cycling CEO Challenge:** Monday, May 17- Join Mayor Michael B. Coleman, ODOT Director Jolene Molitoris, members of Columbus City Council, the Columbus Foundation and Consider Biking for a Bike to Work Celebration. The community leaders will make their way by bike from OSU's Gateway at 7:30am to the Statehouse. Contact [Consider Biking](#) for more information.
- **Green Energy Ohio's 10th Annual Meeting: *The Next Decade of Advanced Green Energy*:** Saturday, May 15- Championing environmental and economic policies and practices for the past ten years, Green Energy Ohio is pleased to announce their 10th Annual Meeting - *The Next Decade of Advanced Green Energy*. The program will feature speakers, a trade show, auction and banquet dinner. Featuring keynote speaker Lawrence "Kaz" Kazmerski, renowned solar scientist at the National Renewable Energy Lab. [Information and tickets](#)
- **American Association of Blacks in Energy National Conference:** May 18-21- Compelling presentations, service projects, networking and social events.

Want to see your event listed in the Get Green Columbus E Newsletter? Contact bwhetstone@morpc.org to have your event listed on central Ohio's Green Community Calendar or consider posting your event on the national, [SustainLane](#) calendar.

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